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BENZIE, Scott, Anthony, et al.	)	Examiner: D. Andrews
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METHOD OF CREATING A BOREHOLE IN	)	
<u>AN EARTH FORMATION</u>	)	January 23, 2009

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 29, 2008**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2008, Applicants submit the following response. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-26 were pending.

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**Remarks** begin on page 8.